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- 1. FOR THE RECORD: CAPPING A FOUR-DAY MEETING IN SAN JOSE, THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION OF THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL HAS CONDEMNED NICARAGUA, EL SALVADOR AND HAITI FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. THE COMMISSION'S REPORT CALLED ON THE USG TO SUSPEND ECONOMIC AID AND THE US AND ISRAELI GOVERNMENTS MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO THE THREE COUNTRIES. THE RESOLUTION REPORTEDLY WILL ALSO BE PASSED TO THE UN.
- 2. THE AUGUST 11-14 CONFERENCE FEATURED LENGTHY NEGATIVE TESTIMONY BY DELEGATIONS FROM EACH OF THE THREE COUNTRIES.
 THE HAITIANS NOTED THE CASE OF ELIZABETH PHILIBERT, WHO
 ALLEGEDLY WAS IMPRISONED WHILE PREGNANT AND WHOSE DAUGHTER,
 BORN IN THESPENITENTIARY, WAS ONLY ALLOWED TO LEAVE SOME TWO YEARS
 LATER. TTA BROTHERS MARC AND GERALD ROMULUS, THE FORMER CLAIMING
 TO BE A POLITICAL PRISONER RELEASED IN SEPTBVBER 1977 AFTER
 THREE YEARS IN JAIL, DETAILED LIFE UNDER DUVALIER.
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3. EL SALVADOR WAS REPRESENTED BY DR. FABIO CASTILLO; DR. ROBERTO LARA VELADO (OF THE UNION NACIONAL OPOSITORA-ONU); MARCELINO PEREZ, A JESUIT WHO TOLD OF HIS 30-DAY IMPRISONMENT; AND BY A COMMITTEE OF MOTHERS OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND THE MISSING (DESPARECIDOS).

4. THREE EX-MEMBERS OF THE NICARAGUAN NATIONAL GUARD, WHO POINTED OUT THAT THEY HAD BEEN TRAINED IN THE CANAL ZONE, DESCRIBED THE TORTURES INFLICTED ON NICARAGUANS BY THE GUARD, AND FATHER ERNESTO CARDENAL OUTLINED THE DEMOLITION OF HIS TOWN, SOLENTINAME, ALSO BY THE NATIONAL GUARD. NICARAGUA, TOO, WAS REPRESENTED BY A MOTHERS' COMMITTEE.

5. THE COMMISSION ITSELF WAS HEADED BY S.A. MASSUE, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE INDIAN SUPREME COURT, AND INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES FROM COLOMBIA, SWITZERLAND, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE US (PROFESSOR STANLEY FAULKNER), FINALND, HONDURAS (JORGE ARTURO REYNA, RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY), CUBA, PANAMA, AND THE SOVIET UNION, AS WELL AS COSTA RICA. WEISSMAN

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